

February 19, 2007

Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Ms. Dortch:

FCC Docket No. 08-4, Hawaiian Telcom Petition

It is my understanding that Hawaiian Telcom has filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") which if approved will provide federal funds that will be used to improve telephone service in various areas of the island of Hawaii. In fact, Hawaiian Telcom attached correspondence from me as an exhibit in their filing.

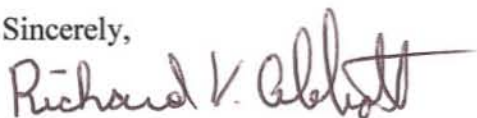
I would like to express my support for Hawaiian Telcom being able to receive funding that can be used to improve service on the island of Hawaii. I can speak from first hand knowledge how residents and a community can benefit from improved telephone service and the deployment of new services such as broadband access to the Internet. Residents of the Paauilo Mauka area, including myself, felt that our area needed improvements which resulted in the correspondence I sent to Hawaiian Telcom that was attached to their petition.

Fortunately, Hawaiian Telcom was open to working collaboratively with the Paauilo Mauka community which resulted in various improvements in the telephone infrastructure including the availability of broadband access to the Internet.

Those improvements have significantly benefited the Paauilo Mauka community. We now have improved service which allows us to better communicate with our family and friends, make it feasible to conduct business from our homes if desired, and reduce the need to commute as frequently and as far. Cruisingco.com, a Washington corporation, was going to move their business office from Paauilo to their travel office in Edgewood, Washington. Broadband access has allowed them to keep and expand the business in Paauilo. Office Angels, an accounting service is now able to telecommute from their business office in Paauilo. This has all contributed to an improved quality of life.

To the extent Hawaiian Telcom's filing will allow for continued improvements in the Paauilo area and other areas of the Big Island and the State, I would like to express my support for the petition and urge the FCC to approve it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Richard V. Abbott", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard V. Abbott